N.F. mayor upset with course move

By GAIL SHAFER
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Staff Writers

A resolution endorsing the city of Niagara Falls' opposition to Niagara College's decision to move a course being offered at the Niagara Falls library to the Weland Vale campus will be discussed at tonight's city council meeting.

Effective April 1, an English as a Second Language (EASL) course being held at Niagara Falls Public Library will be moved to Welland Vale in an attempt to consolidate the college's resources by having similar classes housed in the same building, college president Jacqueline Robarts said.

Niagara Falls Mayor Wayne Thomson, said, "I intend to do everything in my power, with the backing of council, to make it known to the college that we definitely are against the move."

Miss Robarts said the reasons for moving the classes are two-fold. First, there are many people throughout the region having difficulty getting to the classes because they live in one area and the class is offered in another.

The college will run two buses to St. Catharines daily, she said, and this will help people with transportation problems.

SMALL CLASSES

The second reason is that many of the same type of small classes are being held in Welland, St. Catharines and Niagara Falls simultaneously.

Miss Robarts said the college "is in a situation where we have a limited number of resources and we must deploy as many courses as possible" given these limited resources. "Our financial situation is such that we cannot afford to run small classes any more."

Mayor Thomson said the move was discussed at Wednesday's city finance committee meeting during a discussion about the library board's annual budget. It was at that time the motion was passed to make a resolution endorsing the city's opposition to the move at tonight's city council meeting.

He said the move will not only have an effect on the financial situation of the library, but will mean additional costs in busing students to St. Catharines.

Dennis Malone, chairman of the college English department, said at the moment there is one EASL class running in Welland, while one is in St. Catharines and two are being held in Niagara Falls.

FEDERALLY FUNDED

The program is federally funded through Employment and Immigration Canada and runs for 24 weeks. Students in the program have come from places such as South America and Quebec, he said, but more recently a group of South East Asian refugees enrolled in the course.

"The Niagara Falls office received requests from a number of government-sponsored refugees to enrol in the program. Their classes began Jan. 7 at the Niagara Falls Public Library," Mr. Malone said.

Mayor Thomson said since "Niagara Falls is the second largest municipality in the area; why should we have to travel to St. Catharines for this course?"

"Niagara Falls deserves this type of course be made available to its citizens."

Bob Pope, supervisor of services, Niagara Falls branch of Employment and Immigration Canada, said he will meet with the college Jan. 30 to discuss the continued purchasing of EASL training for Niagara Falls residents.

He said the purchase of training depends upon availibility and need of clients and the location of the course.

"We look at all the factors and give weight to them as they apply," Mr. Pope said.

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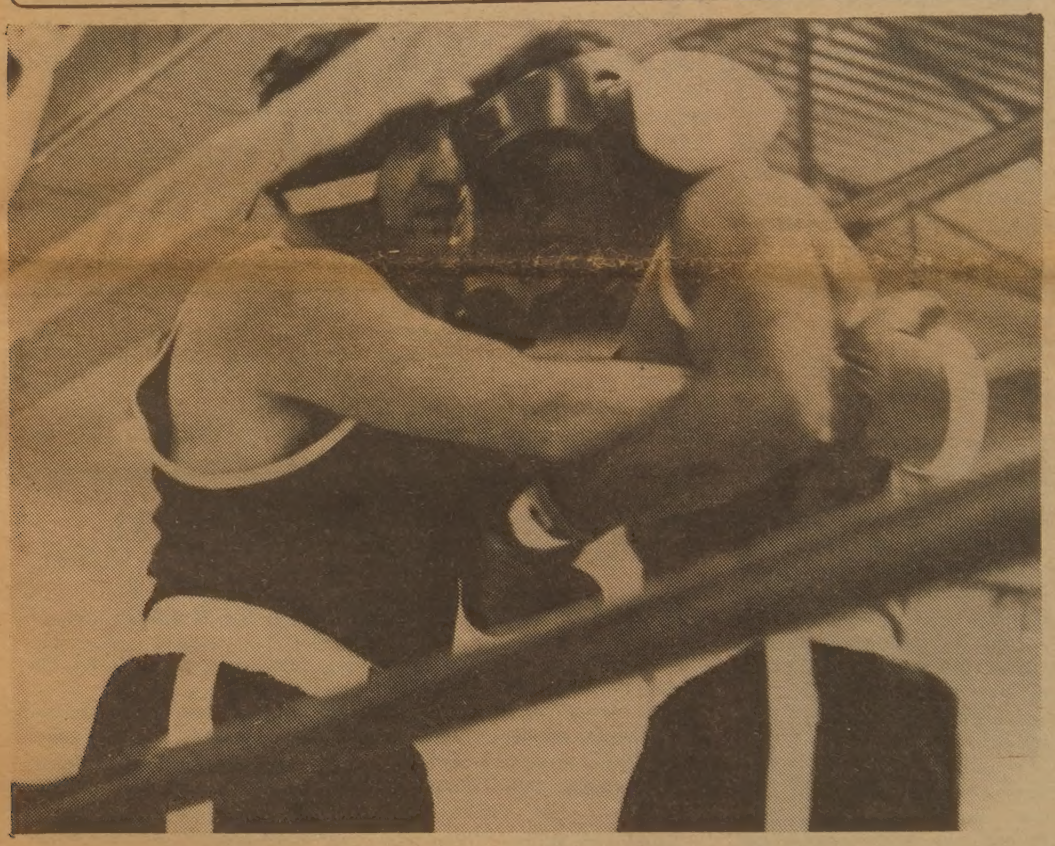

Hot, heavy ring action

A rest, rather than a brotherly embrace, is what Fred Bassi, left, and Isaac McKnight seem to have in mind as they go into a clinch during an amateur heavyweight boxing match at Grantham High School in St. Catharines Jan. 18. McKnight, from Rochester, New York, won a three-round decision over Bassi. For story see page 11.

(photo by Benner)

Late Jan. report due on student-board rep

By PETER BENNER
Staff Writer

A report studying the issue of giving community college students representation on the boards of governors will be prepared by the Council of Regents for release at the end of January.

Joanne Poglitsh, executive secretary of the Council of Regents, told the Niagara News the report, which contains recommendations and research by some of Ontario's 22 community colleges, will be ready for the end of January but won't be considered until an early February meeting of the council.

Some suggestions will be implemented right away, others as a result of discussion at another meeting later in February, she said.

Colleges were asked to review the issue by Bette Stephenson, minister of colleges and universities, after concerned students and other groups voiced their opinions late last year. Responsibility for this review falls on the 15 members of the Council of Regents.

Ontario universities, unlike colleges, have student representatives serving on their governing bodies. There are 80,000 community college students in Ontario.

The Ontario Federation of Students says students are affected by board decisions on allocation of funds, what courses are offered and the hiring of instructors. They should be represented at the highest level, the OFS says.

The Council of Regents asked all the boards of govenors at community colleges to consider the issue in January but only the council would make a final ruling on any recommendations made by the colleges.

Eleanor Lancaster, chairman of Niagara College's Board of Governors, said the board has not made any recommendations to be included in the Council of Regents report.

MEETINGS OPEN

"All of our board meetings are open. Minutes of the meet- are circulated around the college, making it easy for students to get access to them."

"We have not specifically asked students to attend our meetings, but if anything comes up where we feel student interest and comments are necessary, we call Jim Walters (Student Administration Council (SAC) president), she said.

Jim said he would receive a copy of the council's report when it became available.

Jim attended the Oct. 19-20 Council of Regents meeting at Peterborough where SAC representatives from the 22 colleges requested the right to conduct student evaluation of faculty and programs.

Jim said some colleges are lobbying for this right more than others. Some of them do not get the kind of co-operation Niagara

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Lose equipment, cash in Career House job

Office equipment and other items, including a small amount of cash, were stolen from Career House late last Monday evening or Tuesday morning, said Eric Madsen, director of Career House.

Mr. Madsen said someone got into the building "in the back."

He said he and his staff discovered the break-in Tuesday morning. Police have made no arrests.

Mr. Madsen said the thieves caused no physical damage to the building, and the robbery was done in a "neat" fashion with thieves only taking what they came for.

The break-in, a first at Career House, resulted in the loss of audio-visual equipment, a portable refrigerator, a vacuum cleaner, an IBM selectric typewriter, a Bell and Howell 35 mm projector, and a small amount of cash.

Mr. Madsen said all equipment was insured and, until the stolen equipment is replaced, Career House will temporarily use other college equipment.

Functionally illiterate

Probably most college level students could be classified as functionally illiterate, English instructor Patricia Menon says.

"This applies to university, graduate, and post graduate students — because we all have weaknesses," she said.

The difficulty lies in an exact definition, Mrs. Menon, a member of the Niagara Regional Literacy Association, said.

"When the government is talking about illiteracy it is never clear what they are talking about — total illiteracy or functional."

The government definition of functional illiteracy is "not being able to cope on an everyday level with the *normal* demands of reading, writing and basic arithmetic."

Taken literally, this definition means a normal demand would be reading and understanding a lease, mortgage agreement or consumer contracts.

"If you can't understand a lease or check your change at the supermarket, you could be classified as functionally illiterate.

"In fact, on those grounds, as I'm often uncertain about my change, I might describe myself as a functional illiterate - or, perhaps, innumerate."

The latest study suggests that 20 per cent of the Canadian population is functionally illiterate.

"Most people are muddled in their meaning when they think of illiteracy," she said.

See 'Few illiterates' pg. 8

NC liaison officer regional ACFO pres.

Jeanne Larouche, Niagara College's liasion officer, was elected president of the Niagara Region of L'Association Canadienne Francaise d'Ontario (ACFO) Jan. 15.

ACFO is an association to aid francophones in Ontario, and is divided into regions. The Niagara region encompasses Welland, St. Catharines, Niagara Falls and Port Colborne.

"I'm really surprised that I was elected," Mrs. Larouche said. Of the 16 members of the regional council only five are woman, she said. Mrs. Larouche was a member of the council for Welland for a year before being elected.

Mrs. Larouche has been working at the college for four years. She said this is the first year she has not instructed classes. She has taught French as a Second Language, the Role of Women in Canadian Society and Le Leadership, in French.

Le Leadership, a five-week course taught in French, will be held at Club d'Entre Aid, in Niagara Falls, beginning Feb. 6.

JEANNE LAROUCHE

Mrs. Larouche will instruct the course.

Besides her other duties, Mrs. Larouche organizes non-credit courses for francophones. These are courses of general interest, usually arts and crafts, she said.

She is also the convener for the French-Canadian cabaret featuring Les Sortileges, Feb. 17.

Programme bilingue en approbation

Il y a des projets pour la formation d'un programme bilingue dans l'école de commerce du Collège Niagara pour l'année 1980-81, ceci avec l'aide des services français. Il faut que le Conseil des Régents l'approuve.

Il y a un comité qui est formé de représentants d'Hamilton, de Toronto et de la région du Niagara. Le comité décidera des matières au programme et des possibilités d'emploi, a dit Nicole Vigeant, l'administratrice des services en langue française.

C'est un programme de deux ans. La moitié du programme sera en français et l'autre moitié sera en anglais, chacune ayant 49 crédits. Les cours français seront concentrés dans la première année du programme.

"Les cours spécialisés de deuxième année seront donnés en anglais" a dit Mlle Vigeant. "Les étudiants seront spécialisés et seront capables de fonctionner dans les deux langues".

Le Collège Niagara est identifié comme un collège bilingue. "On reconnaîtra le collège comme vraiment bilingue quand plus d'étudiants s'inscriront dans les programmes bilingues".

Niagara est le seul collège bilingue dans le sud-ouest de l'Ontario. C'est un de six collèges bilingues en Ontario parmi les 22 collèges communautaires ontariens. Les autres sont: Algonquin à Ottawa, Canadore à North Bay, St. Laurent à Cornwall, Cambrian à Sudbury et le Collège Northern à Timmins.

Ski Vermont

Two students from the Rainbow Centre in Niagara Falls are organizing a ski trip to Vermont for the February break.

Jim Coburn and Tom Beckett from the hotel and restaurant administration program would like to see the trip filled with college students.

"If we don't get enough Niagara students then we have to get students from Toronto," Jim said.

It is a five-night trip, Feb. 24-29 at Smugglers' Notch, accommodations include condominiums, living room, fireplace and kitchen at a reasonable price of $209 total, Jim, a third-year student, said.

"There is an extra-special bonus — I'm the ski instructor," he said.

The ski Vermont posters are all over the college and the two students are expecting a successful outcome.

Payment, at the latest, is the evening of Jan. 29, and for further information call Jim and Tom at 357-4035

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2 NC technology students to enter Shell's 'fuel-a-thon'

By JOANNE DELEEUW
Staff Writer

A lot of the talk around lunch rooms these days centres around how much gasoline an individual's car swallows. Imagine being able to say you own a car that gets 3,330 miles per gallon!

True, the record-winning auto, designed, built and tested for Shell Oil Company's annual fuel-a-thon in Britian last year creeps along at a sedate 10 miles per hour, runs on diesel fuel, and is not designed for road use, but, still, it is nice to dream about.

Fifteen mechanical engineering students were given advice by Stephen Miller, a research engineer from Shell's research centre, Oakville, on how they can enter the Canadian fuel-a-thon scheduled for June 6 in Oakville.

Already started

Two third-year mechanical engineering students at the college have already begun the ground work of building the car they hope to enter in the competition.

Viejay Varade and Alnasari Awadia have been researching, designing and buying parts for their vehicle since September, and now it's just a matter of "putting it together."

Hoping to reach a fuel consumption rate of 600-700 miles per gallon, entering the car "all depends on whether we finish in time," Viejay said. But even if they miss this year's competition they definitely plan to enter it next year. Deadline for entry is March 1.

This is the first year the annual event has been open to students in Ontario, and Shell is trying to "promote student ingenuity," Mr. Miller said.

Previously the competition in Canada was limited to Shell employees, but last year's even in Oakville drew such large media interest, including coverage by the CBC and CHCH, that the company decided to "open it up to the European route" where post-secondary educational institutions were encouraged to participate.

Viejay and Alnasari expect competition for their "new creation" to be stiff, especially with the other colleges and universities entering, Alnasari said.

The group, club or organization which produces the winning gas-saver will receive a $2,000 grant from Shell.

Though Nicola Ciolfi, co-ordinator of mechanical engineering, brought the contest to their attention according to Viejay, the idea of designing and building their own vehicle "is a completely new idea."

Challenging, fun

Mr. Miller stressed that aside from being "technically challenging," it was fun, and is an ideal way to develop unconventional ideas in fuel economy.

The contest "gets us thinking" and has a real potential for developing fuel efficiency, he said.

The Shell Oil Company has invited about 35 institutions in Ontario to take part in this year's fuel-a-thon, and has already received responses from Fanshawe and Sheridan colleges that they will enter a vehicle.

Niagara does not have the advantages of some colleges because it doesn't have an automotive program and just "doesn't have the facilities," Mr. Ciolfi said.

The most important thing is for the students to "get into it to learn something, and to see from there," he said.

"Everyone's going to try to beat the present Canadian record," Mr. Millar said. The record of 998 miles per gallon of gasoline travelling at 15 miles per hour was set in October, 1979, at the fuel-a-thon held in Britian. The world record for the most fuel efficeint car using gas in 2,066 miles per gallon at a speed of nine miles per hour.

Money not object

The amount of money an individual or group has to work with is not really a deciding fator on the product produced, Mr. Miller said. "It's work and dedication," the "ingenuity to scrounge for things" and the "desire to do it."

He said it is possible to "build a car that will get 1,000 miles per gallon for $200 or $300 and would take about 400 man-hours to build using simple tools."

Though some students worried about the tough competition from big-name companies entering the contest, part of the appeal is that it is an amateur event, Mr. Miller said.

In the past, competitors have salvaged bicycle, mini-bike and lawn mower parts for use on their vehicles.

Speaking to the students at the informal question and answer session, Mr. Miller invited the students to try their skill at beating the "know-it-alls from Shell."

Basically any type of engine with any horsepower can be used, but the goal is to reach the maximum fuel efficiency while averaging a speed of 24 kilometres per hour over an 8.9 kilometre course, five times around the test track at the company's research centre.

'Compromise'

Some of the innovations developed at competitions like the Shell fuel-a-thon, such as the fuel injection system, are already being used in factory-built cars, he said. But the "design of vehicles for road use is based on compromises."

Passenger comfort, safety, speed and manoeuvreability all have an effect on the fuel efficiency of a vehicle.

Streamlining the vehicle, getting rid of excess weight, keeping the design close to the ground, minimizing frontal area and rolling resistance all are necessary objectives when designing and building the car, Mr. Miller said.

The trick for driving it is to minimize gas usage by accelerating to about 35 kph then turning off the engine and coasting till the speed is reduced. Mr. Miller said that alternating between acceleration and coasting to average the 24kph speed will actually use less gas than maintaining the speed.

NC calendar

The 1981-83 college calendar is being designed, and the calendar committee has already met to discuss plans for the publication, Jacqueline Robarts, college president, said.

Miss Robarts said Vicki Ziegler and Pam Russell, two University of Waterloo English communication co-op students, will be working with the committee on the calendar.

Bilingual program awaiting approval

A bilingual general business program is being planned for the 1980-81 school year with the help of the French services division of the college. Approval is being awaited from the Council of Regents.

Representatives from the Hamilton, Toronto and Niagara regions are on a committee formed to help plan the program and find employment possibilities, Nicole Vigeant, administrator of French language services, said.

The two-year program will have half of the programs in French and the other half will be in English, each worth 49 credits for a total of 98. The French courses will be concentrated in the first year rather than the second.

"The specialized courses in the second year will be in English," Mlle Vigeant said. "The students will be specialized and able to function in the two languages."

Niagara College is identified as being a bilingual college, she said. "More recognition will come when more students enrol in the bilingual courses."

Mlle Vigeant said Niagara is the only bilingual college in southwestern Ontario and one of six bilingual colleges among the 22 community colleges in Ontario. The others are: Algonquin in Ottawa, Canadore in North Bay, St. Lawrence in Cornwall, Cambrian in Sudbury and Northern College in Timmins.

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No, these students are not busy preparing sandwiches to go on a picnic. They are members of the newly-formed United Nations club and were found in Rm S212 last week busy making luncheon bags to be sold at their afternoon bake sale. The club will be holding weekly bake sales starting at noon each Tuesday until Feb. 19 in front of the Resource Centre. Proceeds will go towards an upcoming trip to New York, Feg.27-March 2. Shown seated from left to right are club members, Debbie Gvozdanovic, first-year human relations, president Colleen Kenny first-year human relation, secretary Joanne Bulanda, second-year journalism, and Linda Welch, first year human relations.

Goodies galore at weekly sales, funds to finance New York trip

The hustle and bustle in the Tecumseh Foyer last Tuesday will be repeated every Tuesday for the next few weeks as the United Nations (UN) Club continues to sponsor bake sales to make its purposes known and raise money for a possible trip to the United Nations in New York City in February.

The club raised $45.61 in its first endeavor.

Membership in the club is increasing as more and more people become interested in foreign affairs, situations abroad and the possibility of a trip. Trips to the seats of government in Ontario may be held in the future.

The club was formed by students in the elective, How Canada sees the World, a course in Canadian foreign policy. The trip will give students a better idea of how international policies operate.

All club members are expected to participate in the bake sales by bringing in goodies or making signs and publicizing the event.

Sandwiches, juice, jellied salads, fudge and a variety of cakes, cupcakes, cookies, tarts and squares will be sold outside of the library in the Tecumseh Foyer every Tuesday during the double lunch.

Work on council as elective credits?

By JOANNE DELEEUW
Staff Writer

The wheels of administrative bureaucracy have been set in motion to give members of this year's Student Administrative Council (SAC) executive elective credits for the work they do on the council.

"There will be a lot of red tape," Jim Walters, SAC president, said before the decision will finally be reached by the college administration. But in a meeting last week with college president Jacqueline Robarts, "she seemed very optimistic."

The council made the request at the President's Student Advisory Committee meeting in December but the idea took root after seeing the results of a survey done by the Council of Regents last year. The study showed that only six of 22 council presidents pass their year.

It is "obvious enough" to Miss Robarts that there is a need for this kind of assistance for council members, Jim said.

Three colleges, Humber, Cambrian and Sir Sanford Fleming already give credit for the time in office, and "I would imagine the rest would try to get it now," he said.

EDUCATIONAL MERIT

Miss Robarts stressed that there should be educational merit in the work done on council, and some type of evaluation process would have to be set up.

A meeting is planned with A.S. Aboud, director of student services, and George Blazetich, chairman of academic studies, to discuss the possibility of exempting the council members from one of their electives.

The work done on the council is definitely "closely related to business" in the area of decision-making and public relations, Jim said. All seven members of the SAC executive are second-year business administration students.

Though the method of evaluation for the individual members of the executive still has to be decided upon, "it's unfair to say someone else does the same work as I do," he said.

Though the council hopes the exemption can be arranged for this term, "we won't give up just because it doesn't benefit us," Jim said.

MORE TIME

Freeing the executive of three hours of elective time per week would leave that much more time to devote to SAC activities, and it "wouldn't be as time-consuming as a regular class."

To devote more of his time to SAC affairs, Jim said he did not take two required electives, which he hopes to make up either in the spring or next fall.

"The reason I didn't take so many courses was so that my other courses wouldn't suffer."

He said he has been able to maintain good marks and do all the required work on the council and "if you budget your time properly you can do it" if a member has a full workload.

However, he did say that he felt he could have done much better in his academic studies with a full workload without being on SAC, but still feels he has learned a great deal from the experience.

Working on the council is "almost like an eight-to-four job," he said. "I'm here every morning at 8 a.m. and seldom leave before 3."

Students prepare banquet, honor college secretaries

Niagara College President Jacqueline Robarts said she is "very proud" of the college's hotel and restaurant administration students following a dinner held Jan. 17 for members of the Management Committee.

Miss Robarts said the committee's 11 members, along with their spouses, secretaries, and secretaries spouses, had a "lovely dinner" at the Rainbow Hotel Centre.

The dinner provided the students with experience in banquet service, and it gave the committee members a chance to say "thanks" to their secretaries for their hard work during the year.

"I'm very proud of the job the students did," she said. "It's kind of nice when we can tie in a social get-together with a learning experience such as this."

Miss Robarts said John Peacock, hotel and restaurant administration program coordinator, was in charge of the event.

Grads to share job pointers at IEEE industry night

Three electronics graduates will speak at the IEEE Industry Night Jan. 31 in the teachers' staff lounge in the cafeteria.

Organizer Robert Bolinsky said he and other members of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) are trying to arrange for two other graduates to speak that night.

The three speakers are Jay Collins who now works at Voler-Craig in Kitchener; Greg Ostryhon, working at Xerox in St. Catharines, and George Cvirik of Foster Wheeler, St. Catharines.

They will talk about their work, what kind of adjustments they had to make, and their salaries, Rob said.

Invitations will be sent to Mohawk College's IEEE branch.

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College students get from their board of governors.

Two years ago, the council voted to support a similar student demand for representation but this was turned down by the provincial cabinet.

Special legislataion would be needed to re-construct a province-wide change in the board of representation.

A-jogging they do go

Photography instructor Gordon Lawson [left] and film instructor Elias Petras are into a rugged training program to meet a four-kilometer jogging challenge from two other college instructors. To win an all-expenses dinner for two, Mr. Lawson and Mr. Petras must jog from downtown Welland to the Woodlawn road campus of the college and return for five consecutive days by the end of the term. In adddition to the practice sessions each morning and evening, the two have adopted a diet of yogurt, carrot sticks and four raw eggs each day. The training session includes a run up the steps of the old county courthouse on Cross Street.

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EDITORIALS

Student opinions count

Surveys are man's best mechanism to evaluate public opinion. Whether it be to collect data about the new dish soap that has just hit the supermarket shelves, or to gather student opinion, every minute piece of information that is collected is held in high regard.

And it is these results, imperative to those conducting any survey, that bring about recommendations and eventually change.

To faculty and personnel here at Niagara, surveys are beneficial to assist college staff so that program content and effectiveness can be maintained.

However, it is hoped that when students indicate any opinion to whatever survey, that this opinion is expressed in complete honesty and truthfulness.

There are many surveys, for example, the Gallup poll, the Harris poll, the Chatelaine marketing poll only to mention a few, that question people globally daily.

The school of technology has been very busy gathering public opinion, as both a classroom exercise and as valuable data collection to forward to deans of departments and political leaders.

Recently, the health sciences preparatory class through a survey found surprising statistics about student nutritional habits.

The journalism students as well as other students, have just completed a questionnaire that will be used to maintain program effectiveness.

Most surveys do not require respondents to sign their names; this absence of names and titles which are irrelevant to survey statistics, helps eliminate ill-feeling between survey originators and those who answer.

And what better way to run a college than on such surveys, which base decisions on democracy, efficiency and honesty!

Lisa Kirchmayer

Make grading clear

Niagara College students have been busy filling in computer cards expressing their opinion on how they feel about the grading system in use.

If one will allow that a marking system is some kind is a necessary evil, then it follows that an easily understood and common system should be used. It is so often impossible to understand the difference between a percentage system or letters and the college point system. The first time a student receives a 3 instead of 75 per cent can be quite a shock.

Eventually the mind adjusts to some kind of rough comparison between a 2, or 3, and 3 or 4. (None of us ever wants to know what a 1 is.)

The student begins to look for, adjust and rejoice in a 4.

When with great delight, thrills and excitement, that day arrives and a 4 is achieved, who cares if it is only in sharpening pencils?

The student rushes home to spread the glad tidings and impress loved ones. Imagine this scene, trying to impress a parent, a small daughter or spouse: "Guess what! I got a 4."

Typical but effectively crushing, is the response, "Is that all? Four out of what?"

While the ego usually recovers from that kind of put-down, wouldn't it be nice if the college grading system was easily recognized.

More important, however, is the comment by Jacqueline Robarts, college president, that employers really don't know what a 4 is either.

It seems absolutely necessary that employers be readily able to compare this system of grading to that in use by other universities and colleges.

It is commendable that Niagara College is taking steps to identify and assess opinions regarding the grading system even though, as Miss Robarts said, the changes made will probably end up being "an arbitrary choice on the part of the president because no one wants to make the decision."

It is hoped that any changes would at least reflect the attitudes of the students and instructors surveyed.

Helen Cates

Feb. 2 - Groundhog Day

And to think this dream could be foiled by my shadow.

Bullpit

Olympics political game

By HELEN CATES
Staff Writer

Bullpit is a free expression of opinion by second-year Journalism-Print students and does not necessarily reflect the views of the Niagara News, its management or the administration of Niagara College.

Politics and the Olympic Games have always been bed partners. The suggestion that they should not be intermingled is an excellent idea but it has never been a historical fact.

The ancient Greeks declared a truce in order that the Olympic Games could be held between city states. Even the famous long and bitter war between Athens and Sparta in the 5th Century B.C. was set aside to hold the games.

Ancient Olympic games were characterized by greed, bribes and a desire to excel at any cost. To say that the modern Olympic Games are any more corrupt, as Dick Beddoes of the Globe and Mail states, is just not accurate. It is a valid and perhaps justified opinion that the Olympic Games serve no useful purpose, but let us not use the invasion of Afghanistan by the Soviets as a justification for a last-minute boycott.

Modern history of the Olympics has been marred by an inability to honor a truce. Once again we are using the Olympics to take a political posture that is anything but graceful.

The Moscow Olympics are now threatened by President Carter's statement that the Soviets cannot invade a country with impunity, and that they must face the consequences.

A BETTER WAY

Is an Olympic boycott the best way of censuring the Soviet Union? I think not!

The American embargo of corn and wheat to the Soviets is a policy that can be respected. Economic retaliation is a more effective tool for demonstrating the west's horror at the Afghanistan situation.

The embargo has caused the price of wheat to fall and, therefore, more individuals, as well as Canadians, will face decreasing profits as a result of President Carter's embargo. It is hoped that the government will follow through on its promise to support the small farmers who will lose so much from this embargo.

Would that the American government were equally concerned about the loss to its athletes.

While no one condones the invasion of Afghanistan, the United States' posturing is just too hypocritical.

It is not only the Soviets who resort to force and aggression when the cause is right. The Americans, so quick to cast the first stone, have just as bloody a history of aggression.

Their aggression is sanctioned in the name of democracy, of course.

Do we forget that the United States secretly and unconstitutionally bombed Cambodia during the Vietnam War? For that matter, was the Vietnam War itself not an intervention in the internal affairs of Vietnam? Did we forget that the United States was involved in the overthrow of the elected government of Chile?

This is not intended to be a complete list of American military interventions, but is merely to point out that we judge the actions of other countries based on whether we agree with their political philosophy.

NOT ALONE

The Americans are not alone among western countries to interfere in the affairs of independent and sovereign countries.

How quickly we forget our own aggressions!

The loser in the Moscow Olympics won't be those countries that don't go home with medals but those countries that don't go. The ultimate losers are not the countries at all but the individual athletes.

Claude Ferragne, a Canadian high-jumper, said the boycott threat creates a feeling of uncertainty among athletes. Mr. Ferragne, who went back into training a few months ago, suggested that countries respect a truce during the Olympics, as they did in ancient Greece.

Wrestler Richard Deschatelets said that after 12 years of preparation it would be unfortunate if he were unable to participate in the Moscow games because of politics.

Mr. Deschatelets' statement has to be the classical example of understatement. It is difficult to think of a more frustrating situation.

In the words of one of our Canadian competitors, Denis Barre, a Quebec canoeist: "Once again athletes are being used as hostages in an international political crisis."

Readers' forum

Niagara News welcomes letters from concerned readers to be printed on the editorial pages of subsequent editions.

We reserve the right to select and edit all letters appearing in the paper.

So, if you've got something to say, write a letter to the News and drop it into the newsroom, S212.

SAC activities alleviate apathy

By JOANNE DELEEUW
Staff Writer

Way back in April, the college community listened once again to a newly-elected Student Administrative Council (SAC) president pledge to "give people more activities" and come up with "creative ideas."

Though they sounded like the empty words of the proverbial politician, they weren't.

Jim Walters, SAC president, said then it was not going to be easy to fill the "footsteps" of the previous council, but with a list of no less than 25 events scheduled for the winter term, it is fair to say the council has done all it could to alleviate student apathy.

From the beginning of the school year, the council has been dedicated to ridding the halls of that "there's-nothing-to-do-in-this-school" attitude by providing students at the main campus with a variety of activities.

In his opinion, Jim said, student participation is up this year compared to last "due to the fact we have more activities."

INEXPENSIVE

Pubs have generally been the major source of inexpensive student entertainment in past years, but with the added attraction of roller skating excursions, concert tours and free movies, students generally seem to be more involved in having fun at the college.

Even before the official opening of the new Roller Alley in Welland, plans were made by manager Mike Petrachenko and Jim for the college to rent the facilities for two-hour sessions every Tuesday during the double lunch.

The pulsating rhythms of disco and rock music emitted from a high-quality sound system has so far attracted literally hundreds of students for an afternoon skate.

Attendance has been tremendous to the events, at least 200 every week, Jim said, and it promises to continue. Though a few injuries, such as twisted wrists, have been reported, most students seem to be appreciative of a fun, inexpensive and energy-releasing way of breaking up the monotony of double lunches.

Cost is $2, including skate rental.

Afternoon movies also held during the double lunches, in this case on Thursdays, have also been received with surprising participation.

Comedy favorites such as Cheech and Chong's Up In Smoke and Slapshot with Paul Newman played to packed crowds in the Hamilton Room last term, though the shows still lose money because of the nominal, or non-existent, admission charge.

With more than 200 people attending the movies it is definitely worth the deficit, Jim said. The college has experienced trouble with students sitting around the halls at lunch hours so it was "worth it in that sense."

The crowds, boisterous and loud though they may be and usually laughing at and heckling screen stars in an exaggerated way, are generally well behaved.

EMPTY BOTTLES

The only mild incident so far followed the showing of the first Canada-Russia hockey series in October when empty beer bottles were found in the Hamilton Room. However, Jim pointed out SAC was not responsible for the event, but agreed at that time to watch the proceedings more carefully.

This Thursday, The Choirboys will be presented, to be followed by The Ghost and Mr. Chicken on Feb. 7. Which Way Is Up will be shown on March 6, and the final movies of the year, Same Time Next Year, will be held March 20.

With inflation one of the facts of life in Canada today students, too, have found the cost of attending pubs has risen along with everything else. But big-name bands such as Garfield, Liverpool, and Max Webster, scheduled to play Feb. 20, have encouraged larger turn-outs at the pubs this year.

The college is limited to staging 15 pubs per year and the six scheduled for this term will bring the total number for the year to the maximum.

One special event tentatively scheduled for Feb. 5 will feature MacLean and MacLean, a hilariously funny, if a trifle obscene, comedy team in the cafeteria at lunch.

Roving Reporter

By HELEN CATES
and JIM DAVID
Staff Writers

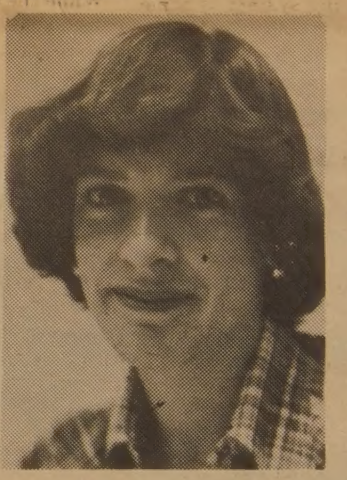
The Olympics are to be held this year in Moscow, but after the Russian invasion of Afghanistan, many countries are considering a withdrawal, including Canada. Niagara College students were asked if they are in favor of such a move.

Karen Chernish, general college: I don't think sports has anything to do with politics. Who does the government think they are anyhow?

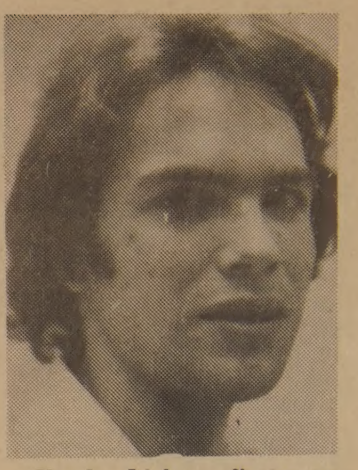
Mario Cardinelli, first-year ambulance attendant: Lord Killanin said the Olympic games should not be used for political purposes, but they are used that way. The ones who really suffer are the athletes.

Dave Rasmussen, second-year general college: It is unfortunate that politics is starting to play a role in amateur sport. I would be proud to see Canada set an example and not pull out.

Monica Lowenberger, first-year ambulance attendant: It's all right to play around with politics, but it's wrong to take the chance away from athletes who reach their prime only once in a lifetime.



Carol Brunet, first-year commercial clerk typist: I would like to see Canada remain in the Olympics because they have always been in and shouldn't separate now.



Claude Lieber, first-year commercial accounting: I would like to see a boycott of the Olympics. I feel Russia should feel we are against the invasion of Afghanistan.

Beatrice Visecchi, second-year dental hygiene: I have no definite opinion. It is necessary to take in the athlete's point of view and the situation of the government. But I hate to say we should just lie back.

Diane Teakle, first-year stenography general: Yes, Canada should pull out. They (Russians) have been naughty so they have to pay the consequences. They behaved like little children.

Robert Wright to speak

Rev. Robert Wright, Welland's New Democratic Party candidate and minister of All People's United Church, will be guest speaker at the Christian Fellowship Club meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 5.

Aerial pub

The group Liverpool, now known as Aerial played at last Wednesday pub to a small group of rock-and-roll fans. Aerial changed their name because they didn't want to be assumed under Beatle material. The members of the group are Keyboard, Malcolm Buchanan, Drummer, Laurie Currie, Guitarist, Tim White, and Base, Brian Miessner. (photo by MacKay)

GM awards scholarships

Niagara College has again been given $1,000 for scholarships for four students by General Motors, St. Catharines, Jacqueline Robarts, college president, announced.

General Motors gave the college this amount for the first time last year. Miss Robarts said it is an example of how Niagara College is working closely with local industries.

Miss Robarts said she was informed of the donation during a luncheon with approximately 20 members of GM's senior staff Jan. 18.

Niagara's five deans, with Miss Robarts and Dr. Nora McCardell, director of special projects, were invited to the General Motors headquarters in St. Catharines.

IEEE to sell components

Parts purchased by the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) club members are now for sale.

These parts are general components for electronic experimenters and are available at discount prices in the IEEE room in Lundy 8, Michael Kovacich, who is in charge of ordering parts, said.

"There is a display of the parts available in the showcase in the Lundy building near the IEEE room.

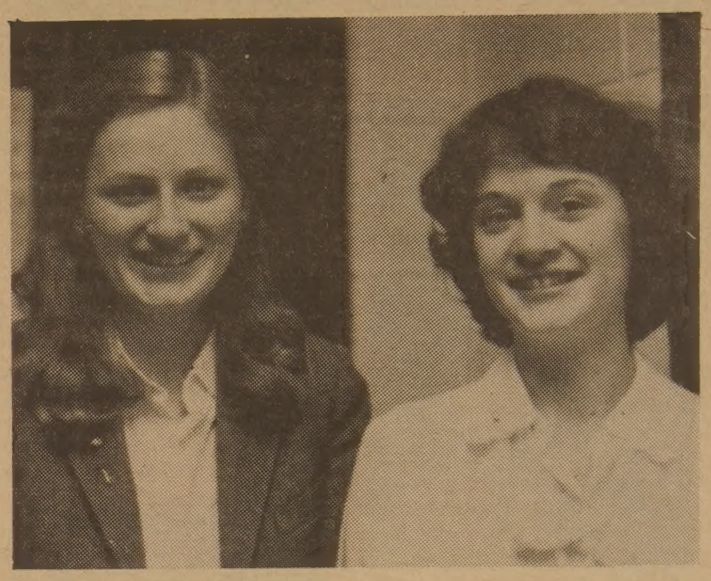
University co-op students start work at college

By HEATHER OAKES
Staff Writer

It was just a "fluke" that Pam Russell and Vicki Ziegler, two University of Waterloo roommates, were the two chosen by Niagara College to work together on the college calender and continuing education brochures.

Pam and Vicki were selected from 10 applicants to work full-time at the college under the university's co-op program. Students in the program are placed in a job situation four of every 13 months.

Until April 30, the two girls will be working out of a tiny office in the school of retraining. Nineteen-year-old Vicki is helping to complete the 1981-83 calendar and 20-year-old Pam is working on the college brochures.



Pam Russel and Vicki Siegler, former university roommates working at Niagara under Waterloo's co-op program, are helping to compile the college calendar and continuing education brochures.

Pam and Vicki, who, as well as being in first-year general arts, were roommates, said they had both expressed an interest in the job. There was a one-in-five chance one of them would get the job, Pam said.

Vicki said she has been reviewing past college calendars to see how the copy can be done or redone so they can be easily understood.

Grammar will be changed and a standardized style and tone must be carried throughout the new calendar.

Vicki is helping to bring up to date the information office's resource files, where there is an information backlog.

ATTENDED MEETING

During the three weeks they have been at the college, Vicki attended a calendar meeting with the college president and deans to establish policy for the calendar.

The college calendar should be revised every year, Vicki said, because a two-year calendar could be inaccurate. Individual program curriculum can change in a year.

A course description should be included in the calendar so a student has a clearer picture of the course before he decides to take it. The last calendar only listed the promotional aspects of the courses.

Pam said they are doing "more copy editing than copy writing." Working with the information service, she is re-organizing brochures and rewriting them to improve their clarity.

These brochures must be completed by spring. Pam, unlike Vicki, will be able to see the fruits of her labor. "For me there will be something produced." The calendar Vicki is helping to produce will not be out until after the girls have left.

Pam said she has new ideas for the spring brochures and will make recommendations.

During their first week at the college they said they were unsure of what was expected of them and what exactly their duties would be. "We knew what to expect from the co-op program but not the work," Pam said.

Vicki said she had "no concrete expectations." "I didn't know what to expect."

MORE PRODUCTIVE

Now that she knows her duties, Vicki said she "feels more productive."

The first few days, they familiarized themselves with the college by reading old college calendars, promotional brochures and taking a tour of the campus. They tried to "absorb the feeling" of the college, Pam said.

Vicki, who is from the Kitchener-Waterloo area, said she is able to apply what she learned at university in her work. The organizational skills learned while she was editor of a high school paper and on student council have helped her.

Students taking part in the co-op program gain experience and exposure to new ideas and the many job possibilites available, Vicki said.

Pam, who lived in Delhi, said working has been good experience. Vicki said she gained valuable experience and the people at the college are nice.

Both girls live in Welland in apartments near each other.

COLLEGE HELPED

People at the college helped her to find her apartment, Pam said. Because of a snowstorm she was unable to come to Welland to see the apartment they recommended before taking it.

Vicki, who lives in an apartment at the back of a house around the corner from Pam's, said she has privacy but she also has the advantage of having people around.

Pam said they were not sure how close they would be working while in Welland and decided not to be roommates. Now they can choose when they want to spend time together.

"I find there is not enough time to miss friends back home," Pam said. There are a few of their friends working under the co-op program in the area and "they make a point of getting away."

In their spare time, Vicki likes to read and do needlecraft and Pam likes sports, doing crafts and travelling.

2nd Literary Contest

The second Niagara College Literary Contest, open to all full-time and part-time students, will be held this term.

The contest is divided into two categories - fiction and non-fiction. Fiction submissions may be made under the following sub-categories: poetry, short stories, plays and radio and TV scripts. Non-fiction submissions may be essays, scientific reports, surveys and investigative reports.

Maximum length for any submission should not exceed 10 typewritten pages, double spaced.

Submissions will be initially examined for their literary value by a team of judges. The best selections will be further examined by a different team of judges to decide on winners. Most of the judges will be members of the College faculty; some will be drawn from outside. Decisions of the judges will be final.

Depending on the quality of the work, as many as six submissions may be entitled to receive "Honourable Mention."

Submissions should be made on or before Friday, March 21. Late submissions will not be accepted. Submissions should be delivered or addressed to the Secretaries of the Schools of Aplied Arts, Health Sciences, Technology, and Retraining.

Please attach to your submission on a separate sheet your name, address, student number, telephone number and the title of your submission.

Your submission will be given to the judges along with your student number. Your names will be concealed to protect your identity. No student can present more than one submission. Winners will be announced in the last Winter edition of the Niagara News.

Organizers: Ray Matthews, James Nicholas, Gary Webb

No trip to Williamsburg for interior design?

A trip to Williamsburg, Penn. which is scheduled for interior design students every two years may not be offered this year due to budget cutbacks, Paul Firlotte, co-ordinator of interior design, said.

Concerned students of the program have organized The 1776 Club which will be holding weekly lotteries, which began Jan. 24, to raise money for the trip.

"The trip is a very worthwhile experience for the students," Mr. Firlotte said. "It's the one place in North America where such a fine collection of Georgian architecture is all in one place."

The club will hold nine draws with prizes of $50 and a 10th draw will have a $500 prize. The tickets are $1 and the objective is to get the same people to buy tickets each week.

"Ten weeks is not really enough time to hold lotteries," Carrie Obidowski, one of the organizers, said. "If we don't go (to Williamsburg) we can save the money for next year when we'll have more time."

"This is just to get us started," she said.

Other organizers in the club are Pam Jones, Nancy Romeo, Joanne Hawes, Debbie Singh and Nancy Candella.

Mr. Firlotte said he was forced by budget cutbacks to "tighten the reins" and the extra-curricular trip might not be possible. The last trip, in 1978, cost about $5,100.

"We're looking at higher costs now." He cited the price of gas and the exchange rate as being obstacles. "Bus fare has nearly doubled," he said.

The lab fee students pay includes field trips to Toronto and the cost of their materials and supplies. There are 52 students in first and second year of the program "who we'd be taking," he said. "We're looking at about $$6,000."

The trip is offered every two years so that all of the students get a chance to view the architecture and decorative arts of Wiliamsburg.

"We don't go as average Americans going to see the sights," Mr. Firlotte said. "Special guides and lectures are arranged for us."

Accommodations are usually arranged at the Williamsburg Lodge. A plantation dinner was held in the ballroom on the last day of their visit in 1978. All of the participants dressed in costmes of the 18th century.

"The students would get a great deal out of the trip," Mr. Firlotte said. "Last time we went during Canada Week and displayed our flags for all to see."

Three third-year students reminisced about the trip and their experiences:

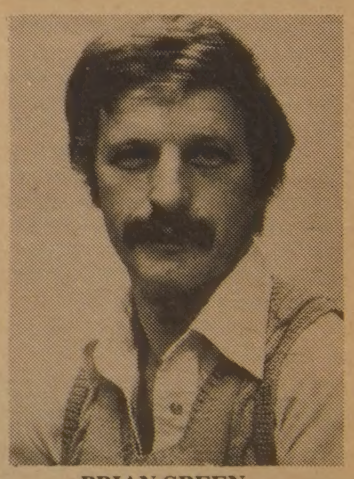
"It was like the whole town was from the 18th century," Avril Wilshire said. "Cars weren't allowed anywhere."

Joanne Reid called it "a beneficial experience. It put things we studied into a real perspective. It was enlightening as far as the american culture was concerned."

Sally Crowther said, "It was very instructive. We saw colonial architecture. We could actually see 18th century England."

New English texts help students' writing

By JIM DAVID
Staff Writer



BRIAN GREEN

A new English book written by Brian Green and Sarah Norton will be published sometime in February as will another English book written by Niagara College instructors, but there will be "no competition" between the two.

The books were written in different styles and buyers are going to purchase the one they are most familiar with, Mr. Green said.

Who's Going to Read This, Anyway? written by Gary Webb and Ray Matthews will be used as a stimulus to practical writing, Mr. Webb said, while Basic English Grammar attacks English from a basic level and focuses on specific problems, Mr. Green said.

Both books are published by Holt, Rinehart and Winston and will be on the market about the same time.

Sarah Norton is English co-ordinator at Centennial College and the book was written last year when Mr. Green was on sabbatical.

Mr. Green said the book is needed and is hoping it will clear up some of the "glaring errors" students make by zeroing in directly on the problem.

There is a very serious communications problem and many first-year college and university students can't put a sentence together without making a mistake, he said.

The book is easy to understand and can be used as a self-help text because of the step-by-step procedures built into the text.

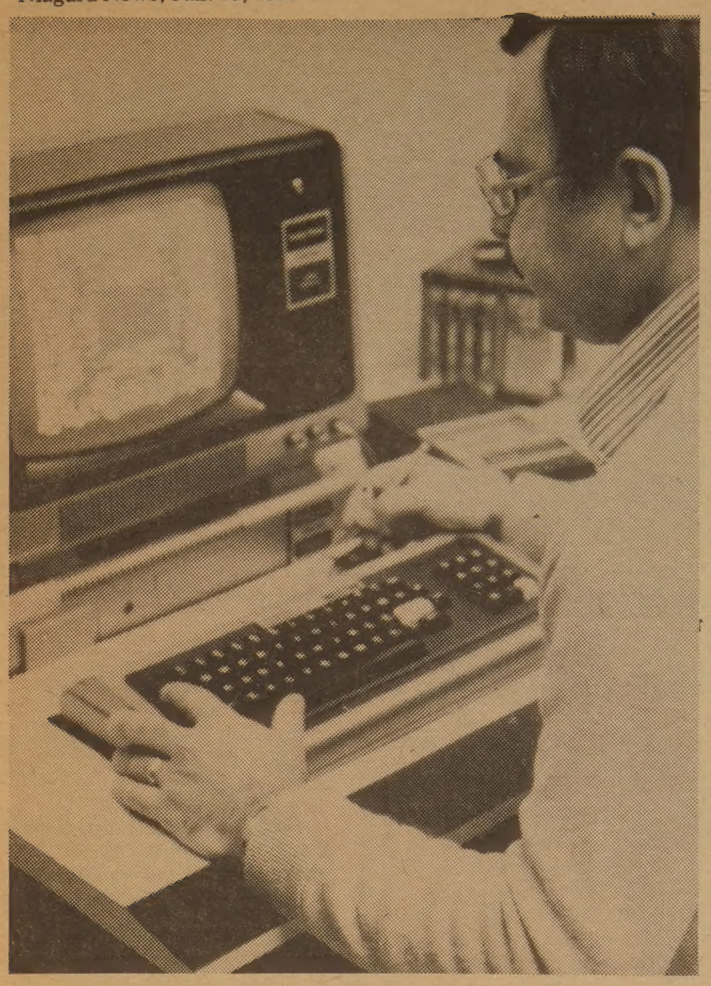
Mr. Green is hoping the book will become popular. He said he would be recommending Basic English Grammar to his English 100 classes "unless something better comes along."

New SAC makes plans

Monica Capell is the new president of the Welland Vale student council. She succeeded former president Dave Gossen who resigned.

George Fancy moved into the position of vice president, Jane Dykstra became secretary, Mary Basic, treasurer and Chuck Johnston is the new chairman.

Plans for this term include a composition writing contest with the theme of O Canada and a $25 first prize, a ski-trip to Collingwood and a campus clean-up campaign.



David Abraham, statistics and computer mathematics co-ordinator, demonstrates the many uses of the micro-computer. This small-scale computer can be used as a toy, an educational mode and a business aid. (photo by Shafer)

Boring line-ups end with micro-computer

The line-up to bank tellers' windows on a late Friday afternoon winds around the guide posts like a snake. Customers anxious to cash their pay checks tap their feet impatiently awaiting their turn. Wouldn't it be nice if banking could be done from the comfort of your own home?

Well, according to David Abraham, college statistics and computer mathematics co-ordinator, home micro-computers will allow not only banking but grocery orders to be done from the home.

This will be accomplished through a central computer system, but probably not until the late 1980s or the early 1990s, Mr. Abraham said.

He described micro-computers as "small-scale computers that have the power and capabilities that very big computers had a few year ago."

Mr. Abraham said, "The same kind of thing that happened to the hand-held calculator is happening to computers." A computer that cost $6,000 a month to rent in 1969 can be purchased outright today for $6,000.

The mathematics and data processing departments at the college each have a micro-computer, costing $5,500 and $3,500 respectively.

"Right now we're using them to teach basic programming." The micro-computers are being used in a developmental function to acquaint the staff with what they are and what they do.

DIVERSIFIED

"They can do a multitude of things," Mr. Abraham said.

Whether the micro-computer is used as a toy for games of concentration, adventure or entertainment; as an educational mode to teach speed reading, typing or the morse code; or for business to do financial analysis, mailing lists or accounts receivable, it can be programmed from a pre-school to a university level.

"I've proposed the college establish a micro-computer centre to supplement and augment instructional courses."

The centre would have 20 micro-computers which would be made available to the public through what Mr. Abraham coins "a different type of resource centre."

Hans Van Der Slagt, dean of business, said, "The college wants to become recognized as a centre for micro-computers."

Mr. Abraham said, "By the end of the 1980s if you can afford a colored television set or a second family car you will be able to afford a micro-computer," Mr. Abraham said.

NC festival receives publicity

With the Celebrate Canada Festival just a little more than two weeks away, committee members have been working long and hard to organize the activities, and a press breakfast was held last Wednesday morning to inform the area media of what Celebrate Canada is all about.

Well attended by representatives from newspapers, radio and television stations, as well as people from the college involved in the festival, the breakfast meeting gave media people a chance to find out more about Celebrate Canada, and what would be happening during the festival.

"They have a lot of questions, and it's really good for the college, as well as the festival," Gail Hilyer, festival convener, said.

"The Celebrate Canada Festival has become a college tradition," Jacqueline Robarts, college president, said.

"It involves not only the college community, but the outside community as well."

The festival is an oportunity to celebrate the joy of being a Canadian, Miss Robarts said.

"It is unique to Niagara College, somewhat envied by other colleges," she said.

OOOOPS!

In the Jan. 21 edition of the Niagara News, it was reported on page 9 that Cheryl Cashman would be appearing in the Celebrate Canada Festival. Her name was misspelled. The news regrets the error.

New tech. instructor enjoys position working at Niagara

By AMY DELAPLANTE
Staff Writer

How long have computers been around? Long enough for 32-year-old Wayne Dalrymple to have spent almost 13 years studying and working with them.

He left the Don Mills IBM plant, where he was a test engineer, to teach technology at Niagara College. He wrote computer programs to test products electronically before marketing, after learning about the products in Rochester, Minn.

For more than four years before that, he worked in the Bell Research Labs in Ottawa, which serviced Bell Canada and Northern Telecommunications.

And for 3½ years before that he worked in a "high speed data group" at Canadian National Telecommunications in Toronto, in computer comunications.

And if that's not enough, he graduated from a three-year electronics technologist course at Ryerson in Toronto.

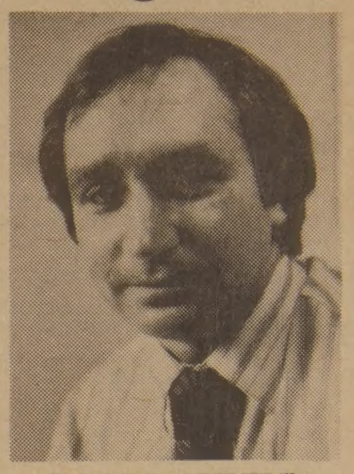
Mr. Dalrymple is definitely qualified.

LIVES IN TORONTO

When Mr. Dalrymple, who lives in Toronto and commutes each week, applied for the teaching position at the college, he was invited to visit.

"I liked the environment and the staff I met," he said. He began working at the start of this term.

Born in Toronto, Mr. Dalrymple worked with air cadet squadrons there, and still has a supplementary commission.



WAYNE DALRYMPLE

He said he enjoys his job. He teaches computer principles and electronic fundamentals to second-year technician students, and solid state devices to second-year technology students. He replaces Glenn Schliehauf, who retired, in a few courses.

GOOD FACILITIES

"The facilities are pretty good here. The students are good, too."

His hobby befits his occupation.He dabbles in micro-computers and micro-processors; their purpose, he said, is to automatically control things such as home lighting or heating.

Mr. Dalrymple said he played hockey in a senior league while in Minnesota, but decided to give it up after an injury. So he spends his spare time, when he's not working on computers, renovating his house in Toronto which he plans to sell in the summer.

Need help with tax returns?

Niagara College is offering a seminar-workshop on income tax, designed especially for women, Feb. 9, to be conducted by Marg Fyfe who runs her own income tax service.

The $15 fee, which includes materials and a luncheon, will include such topics as: what is taxable, basic deductions, tax credits and planning.

Participants in the seminar are encouraged to bring any of their own income tax materials and calculations because during the workshop Ms. Fyfe will help people fill out their income tax for this year.

The day-long seminar will be held at the Welland Campus in the Merritt Building, Room 202. Further information or registration forms are availabe by telephoning 735-2211, 688-1380 or 382-2383, ext. 451, 454 or 473. The last day to register is Feb. 6.

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2nd literary contest to display talents

Budding Callahans and Atwoods will have a chance to gain their own recognition by entering the college's second literary contest.

"Its purpose is to foster literary appreciation and encourage literary talent among our students," James Nicholas, social sciences instructor, said. Mr. Nicholas is organizing the contest with English instructors Ray Matthews and Gary Webb.

The final date entries may be submitted is March 21 and late submissions will not be accepted under *any* circumstances, Mr. Nicholas emphasized.

The contest, run for the first time last year, is open to all Niagara College students, full-time or part-time, and each student may present only one submission.

Entries may be fictional works, in the form of poetry, short stories, plays or radio and television scripts, or non-fiction, such as essays, scientific reports, surveys, or investigative reporting.

"We want the students to go all out and put all their effort into one submission," Mr. Nicholas said.

As for topics, almost anything goes.

"Even the sky is not the limit because they can write about inter-planetary travels," Mr. Nicholas said.

Faculty representatives will be judges and their decision will be final. Submissions will be judged on literary quality and style. The best selections will be further examined by a different team of judges to decide on the winners.

Results of the contest will be published in the final edition of the Niagara News.

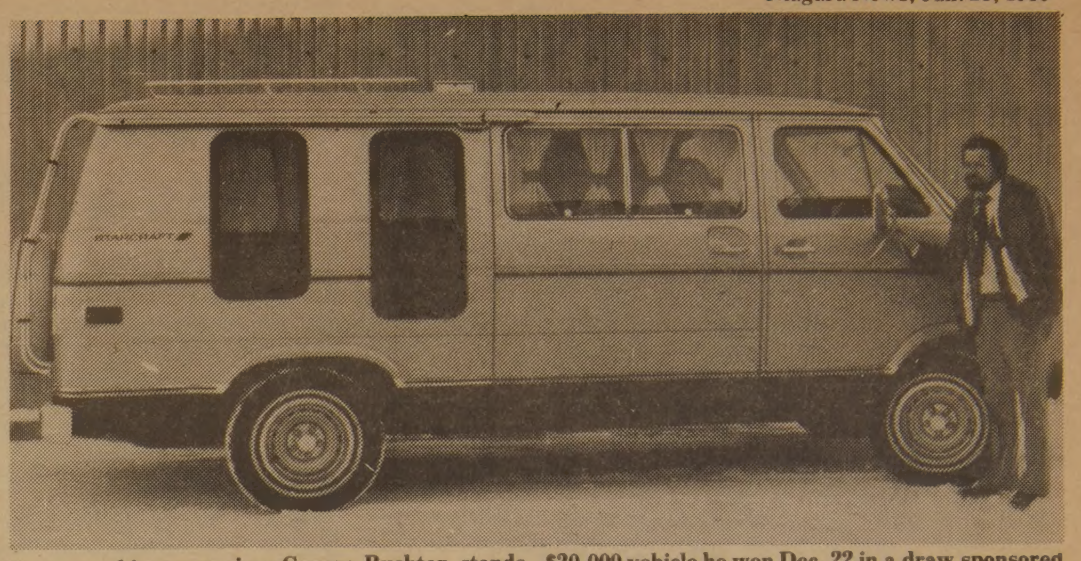
Awards to the winners will be presented at the college's Awards Night in June. Entrants not getting awards will get honorable mention.

The maximum length for submissions is 10 typewritten pages, double spaced.

Students should attach a separate sheet of paper to their submission with their name, address, student and telephone numbers, and the title of their work. The entries will be given to the judges with only the students' numbers .

Submissions should be dilivered or addressed to the secretaries of the schools of applied arts, business, health science or technology.

Last year's contest was conducted very successfully with about 25 entries in fiction and poetry of "high standards," Mr. Nicholas said.



Reprographics supervisor George Rushton stands beside his 1979 three-quarter ton GMC van, a $20,000 vehicle he won Dec. 22 in a draw sponsored by the Welland Optomist Club. (photo by Byng)

Still feels like Christmas

ByTIM BYNG
Staff Writer

Although the spirit of Christmas giving may have faded away with the passing of the yuletide season, one Niagara College employee is still reeling from the excitement of a very special gift last December.

George Rushton, supervisor of reprographics, won a $20,000 1979 GMC three-quarter ton van in a draw held Dec. 22 by the Welland Optimist Club.

"It was quite a thing to win--I was pretty lucky, I guess," he said. "When I bought the ticket, I really didn't think much of it."

Mr. Rushton, 33, said he bought the ticket from Joanne Stubbins, one of his employees, in May of 1979. However, by the time the draw was held he had forgotten that he even bought it.

"I actually didn't know I had the winning ticket," he said.

Mr. Rushton was visiting his parents at the time of the draw, and didn't hear about his having won until "four or five days afterward.'

"I had to return to the college to pick up the ticket because I left it on my desk," he said. "A security guard let me in."

The van would cost about $20,000 if it were bought on a lot.

"The realistic thing would be to sell it, but I'm not a very realistic person so I'll keep it," he said.

Mr. Rushton said some people found it "hard to understand" that he won the van after buying only one ticket. "I guess it just proved that you can win something with only one ticket."

"I know one person who bought $140 worth of tickets, and most people in my department also bought tickets on the van."

Upon winning the van, he received a card from Niagara College president Jacqueline Robarts congratulating him on his prize.

Few illiterates in region seek help

By CHERYL KEECH
Staff Writer

Only about 100 of nearly 11,000 illiterate people in the Niagara peninsula are seeking help, English instructor Patricia Menon says.

Most of the 100 who have sought help from the Niagara Regional Literacy Association are "doing all right."

"They are not leeches on society," she said, "but are in constant fear of being found out. They are in fear of their employers finding out and losing their jobs."

The Niagara Regional Literacy Association of which Mrs. Menon has been a member for 2½ years is concerned with those people who are totally illiterate, "so badly off that they can't read or write."

When the government is talking about illiteracy, it is not clear whether they mean functional or total, she said. The difficulty is not having an exact definition of both.

Total illiteracy is when you can't read or write a statement in your own language," she said.

Of the total illiterates in Canada, 75 per cent were born here, yet they cannot read or write a statement in their native language, either English or French.

"Many of these people are running their lives successfully even though they can't read street signs, factory safety instructions or notes sent home from school with their children."

No figures

"The first problem is we don't have an actual figure for people who can't read or write. The question the census asks is what the highest level of education obtained is. There is no question that asks if you can read or write."

The only basis the association has for its figures is the census. It lists in the Niagara peninsula a total of 10,610 people with Grade 4 education or less, and almost 60,000 with Grade 8 or less. It is the Grade 4 level and less with which the association is concerned.

The problem is trying to reach those who are encountering problems now. Because they cannot read or write, newspaper announcements do not help, but radio announcements are made on Welland's CHOW radio station.

The association hopes that word of mouth will help to get their message to those it can help.

The Niagara Regional Literacy Association covers Grimsby to Niagara Falls excluding Fort Erie which has its own organization.

All tutor training courses are held at Niagara College with the help of Eric Robinson, chairman of labor studies, she said.

Every tutor buys his own materials and pays for his own workshops, she said. "We don't use a lot of money. The students buy their own books."

"There is a little money spent in the way of telephone calls. Some teachers have to travel long distances to reach their student, but the biggest problem in this area is buying textbooks ahead of workshops. The money for the books does not come in until the students receive their books."

Workshops are held mostly on weekends, Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Sessions last 1½ hours.

There is no one reason why people cannot read or write; "they are all kinds of people," she said.

"Some were ill when they grew up and missed chunks of school years. Some lived far away from school."

Always at the back of their minds is the fear of being found out, she said.

"That's why they come to us. Some may never come to us for that reason.

"Sometimes something will happen that will push them over the edge and then they will come." For instance, a first aid course might be offered at a factory and, to take it, the interested person must first be able to read.

Varied ages

The age group coming for help ranges from 30 to 70; "the older they are the more there are."

"One 70-year-old was tickled pink with glee being able to learn. A lot have a terrific sense of relief."

A tutor must promise to work for a year with a student. The student may stop at any time, but if the teacher is there at least a year, he will gain confidence.

Ideally a student would continue to the everyday writing course at the Grade 6 level.

"Once they come to us we try to stress they are not making fools of themselves," she said. "We don't use children's books."

Sessions may be held at the tutor's home, the student's home or in a library.

"Wherever we meet, it's always private and it is always on a one-to-one basis. We have some people who teach more than one student but they always meet separately."

Mrs. Menon said when she took the training course it was organized single-handedly by one woman. It was not an association then.

She has a student who has been coming to her for two years. "We take summers off and he has now reached a Grade 4 level. He will probably come to me for another year.

"It depends on the individual student and what he wants out of it. It is technically possible for a student to move to a Grade 5 level in two years."

Old idea

The idea of teaching those people who cannot read or write is not a new one, she said. The movement originated in the Phillipines in the 30s.

"A man was teaching a tribe there to read and write, but the depression hit and the teacher had to be dismissed. There was no money," she said.

A chief got upset that the training was over because he saw how useful learning to read and write could be. He threatened those who knew some reading and writing that he would chop off their heads if they did not teach others.

"That's how we got our motto: Each one teach one."

Mrs. Menon encourages anyone who knows someone who cannot read or write to phone 892-5998. This number will put a person in contact with someone who will give free, confidential lessons.

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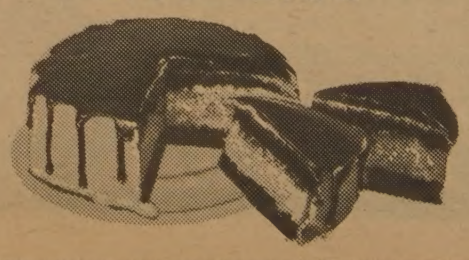

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ENTERTAINMENT

Latin America fascinates tourism student

Niagara tourism student, Jack Taylor, holds his prized possession, a six by eight foot vicuna fur rug from Ecuador. (photo by Stokes)

By BRENDA STOKES
Staff Writer

While some may talk or fantasize about seeing the exotic corners of the world, others have made their dreams a reality. Latin America, the Far East, Southeast Asia and Australia are just distant places on a map for most of us, but for some they are a second home.

Jack Taylor, first-year tourism student at Niagara College, is one of those world travellers with the innate curiosity so vital to true adventurers. "Let your instincts take over," is Jack's advice to the novice traveller.

It would probably be far easier to name the countries Jack has yet to explore than to list the nations already visited.

In 1976, at the age of 23, Jack flew to South America for a three-month tour of Colombia, Peru, Ecuador and Bolivia. "A friend introduced me to Colombia — travelling with him allowed me time to adjust to the customs and languages before venturing off alone to the other three countries."

While many might have been frightened at tackling a foreign language, Jack had an optimistic attitude towards the language barrier. "It's surprising what you can pick up when you have to," he said with a smile. "The instinct to survive surfaces when you're in a foreign country."

Each country in Latin America was a unique cultural entity, but there were many facets that served to weave this mosaic together.

The central market is a show place of native handicrafts. Here the native women sit amongst their arts and crafts, eager to sell their wares to supplement the family income. The exquisite workmanship and beauty of the pottery, blankets and fabrics, at such affordable prices, make them popular among visiting tourists.

Jack was no exception. "I arrived in South America with nine pounds but left with 90 pounds of souvenirs."

Jack adopted Colombia as his second home. The refreshing views along its scenic coastline and the leisurely pace of the natives beneath the hot tropical sun provide an easy setting for "Gringos" to adjust to.

Originally called the "land of the thieves," Colombia has a special magic. Its port towns dating back to the days of the pirates are still encompassed by 50-foot walls "wide enough for two transports to drive across the top."

Was frisked

"Colombia is a place of excitement, where the unexpected happens," Jack explained. 'While visiting Colombia's capital, Bogota, two armed soldiers approached me on the street, thrust me against the wall and frisked me, while a machine gun was pressed against my head." To avoid arousing suspicion in the future, "I immediately went to have my hair cut and my beard trimmed."

Even this experience didn't dampen Jack's enthusiasm to explore the countryside. "My objective for going on the trip was to experience and see something different," Jack said. "I was curious about what the world had to offer outside our secure, industrialized society and I wanted to prove to myself that I could handle the adventure."

His enthusiasm to see sites off the beaten track has led to some interesting predicaments — some funny, others frightening.

"Aside from sponge baths, I hadn't had a hot shower in two weeks," Jack said. "While passing through a small village, I heard showers were available. Rounding the corner I came to an open courtyard filled with caskets. A man working on the caskets told me I could have a shower for 25 cents in the other room." At first Jack hesitated. "It was a little unnerving having a few caskets standing outside my shower stall."

Since it was impractical to find work while abroad, Jack financed his trips by working from April to December and then travelling throughout the winter months. "It wasn't worthwhile to work while in foreign countries because you couldn't earn enough to cover daily living expenses."

While many young people would be reluctant to give up a well-paid job, Jack's philosophy is, "If you're young and intelligent, you can always find a job."

Jack's advice to the novice traveller is to be adventurous and flexible in your itinerary. Travel light "keeping in mind you have to carry this around and it's a long way between bus stations."

Make use of the tourist bureau to get information and maps, avoid drinking the water and read up on the countries prior to visiting them. This means examining how stable the political scene is.

Ecuador, with its lush green hillsides and shirt-sleeve weather, is a place of rest to the weary traveller. "Ecuador is called the Eternal Springs because it's always green."

A stroll down the peaceful streets of a small village provides a glimpse of local sites. Native women, clad in colorful embroidered dresses, can be seen crouched in the doorways of their huts, chewing on cocoa leaves while hand-stitching fur blankets piece by piece.

Peru, once the centre of the Inca empire before the spanish invasions, is an "archeologist's delight." A highlight of the trip and not to be missed is the journey up to Macu Pichu. "It's one of the seven wonders of the world and has to be seen to be appreciated."

Lost City

The lost city of the Incas, located at an elevation of 11,000 feet, was only discovered in 1911. Situated on top of a mountain peak, its jagged cliffside etched across the sky, it provides a breathtaking view. "To see the countryside below at night is spectacular; it's like looking down at a big bowl of stars."

Before heading for home, Jack spent a few days in Bolivia around Lake Titicata, famous for its unique Indian culture. "The freshwater lake is dotted with islands entirely made of reed and the Indians live in reed huts on the islands."

The diversity of each day forced Jack to keep a journal to capture each highlight, enabling him to relive each moment upon return. "As I kept meeting new people and places I decided to keep a record of who I met and where I went," Jack said. "There's pleasure in reading and recalling memories but it's also an excellent source of references of good restaurants and worthwhile bus trips to pass on to friends."

Cultures assest

Jack's knowledge and familiarity with so many cultures will be an asset in his chosen career in tourism. "When working for a travel agency I'll be able to draw on this knowledge and lay out an itinerary that is a bit more adventurous," Jack said. "You can only give suggestions if you know about them yourself."

Despite the practical experience, travel agencies require applicants to have a degree in tourism, and this is the major reason Jack entered Niagara's two-year tourism program.

A restless spirit and unquenchable curiosity make it difficult for Jack to remain still for long. So don't be surprised if you see Jack boarding a plane to Africa — the one continent he has yet to explore.

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SPORTS

Better passing clinches easy win

Fanshawe players wait in anticipation as Niagara sinks another basket to defeat them 56-21. (photo by Bulanda)

The Niagara Knights more than double the score on Fanshawe, 56-21, and moved closer to a tie for fourth place in ladies basketball action Jan. 22.

The Knights took an early lead which they held throughout the game. They demonstrated better passing skills than they have in previous games.

Coach Russell Stevenson said, "The results were very close to what I'd hoped. The execution was a little spotty but the passing was much improved."

At the end of the first half the Knights had a 25-7 lead. "It's hard for the girls to concentrate with a lead like that," he said.

High scorers for the Knights were Lisa Furgal with 16 points, Carolyn St. Angelo with 14 points and Carrie Metcalfe with 11 points. Lisa is one of the top 10 scoring leaders in ladies college basketball.

Leading scorers for Fanshawe were: Alice Anderson with six points, Lisa Patterson with five points and Cindy Baxter with four points.

"We've a very good chance of making the play-off," Mr. Stevenson said. The top four teams are eligible.

Curlers come close at St. Kitts bonspiel

Niagara College's mixed curling team place second in the St. Catharines Open Mixed Bonspiel on Jan. 19.

In the first of two 10-end games, Niagara won 8 to 5 over a Niagara Falls team and then beat out a St. Catharines team 10 to 8.

The tournament, held at the St. Catharines Curling Club, was open to experienced curlers from regional rinks extending as far as Toronto.

"It was fairly stiff competition so they did extremely well to win," Bob Young, Niagara's curling coach, said. "The team entered a similar spiel last year but placed second or third from the bottom, so this year's win is quite an achievement."

Team members of the mixed rink were Laurie Walters, lead; Susan Meloche, vice-skip and Sam Banhuk, [illegible]nd.

"I try to give all the students a chance to play in a competition, so some of the members of the teams rotate positions," Mr. Young said. Niagara has separate men and women teams as well as the mixed team.

Following the day-long tournament a dinner was held to honor the day's champions. Each Niagara team member was presented with a merchandise prize. The mixed team's next event is the Molson Sweetheart Bonspiel on Feb. 9.

Skater wins title

Brian Pockar's first place win of the men's singles title put to rest the dispute brewing between the Canadian Figure Skating Association (CFSA) and the Canadian Olympic Association.

The dispute was in the offing when the CFSA insisted on sending the winner of the Canadian title and yet, before the outcome of the competition, the Olympic Association named Brian as the only competitor it would support.

The 20-year-old University of Calgary student trailed the challenger Gary Beacon of Toronto after both the short program and the figures.

Brian skated a near perfect long program Jan. 19 to retain the title for the third time.

"I felt the pressure on me, but my coach said to me, 'A true champion comes through under pressure.' I thought that I'm a champion and I'm going to come through tonight, and I did," he said.

He used triple jumps to great effect.

Playoffs coming

The Niagara Knights men's basketball team must reach sixth place, which is held by Sheridan College, to make the playoffs. The Knights are in eighth place with six wins and eight losses for 12 points.

Niagara's ladies basketball team is in fifth place and is one game away from making fourth place and the playoffs.

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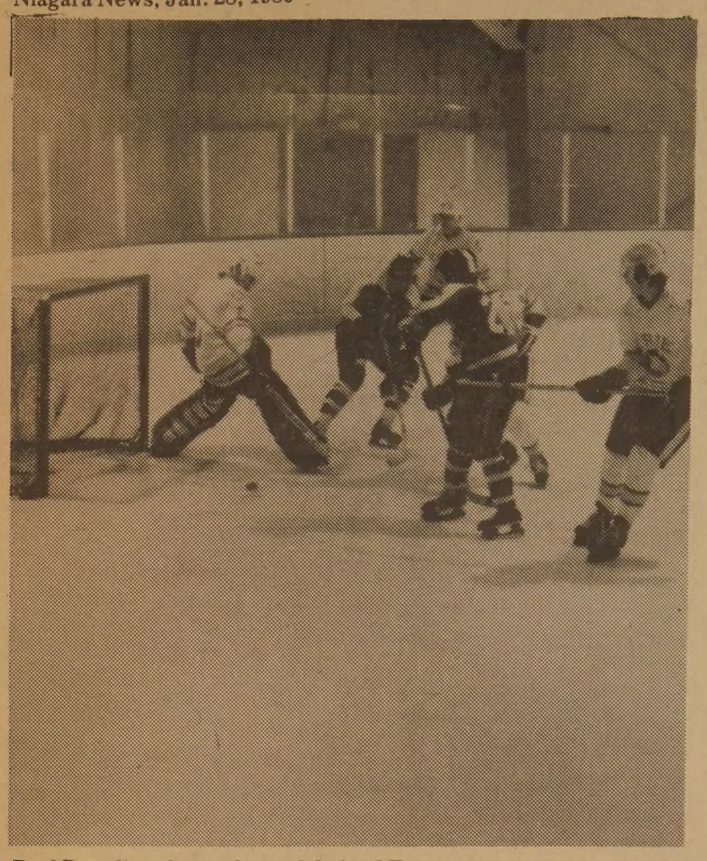

Paul Berstling shoots the puck behind Erie goaltender on the way to a 7-4 win for the Niagara Knights. (Photo by David)

We're number 1!

With the aid of two hat-tricks by Mike Chartrand and Jim Voiser, the Niagara Knights defeated Canisius college 11-5 and took over first place in the International Collegiate Hockey League.

The game, played Jan. 22 at the Welland Arena was one of the team's "best performances" of the year, Fred Bassi, coach of the team, said.

The team played well, forechecking and keeping the Canisius team in their own end, he said.

DEFENSIVE GAME

Niagara, playing a defensive game, took, the lead early in the first period when Jerry Sebastiany and Joe Mitchell each scored once and Mike Chartrand scored twice. Bill Lovelock scored for the Canisius team.

When the first period ended, Niagara led 4-1.

Early in the second period, it looked as if Canisius could take the lead when Bob McFarland and Mike Langevin scored two goals cutting Niagara's lead to two points.

At the end of the second period, Niagara led 7-3. Knights Jerry Sebastiany and Jim Voiser each scored.

The pace quickened in the third period as both team struggled to gain control of the puck.

TWO-ON-ONE

Less than a minute into the play, Jim Voiser scored for Niagara from a two-on-one play. Mark Patterson got a goal a minute later.

With a minute left, Canisius player Bill Lovelock scored two goals.

The play in the third period was stopped after the Canisius goalie was hurt in a slashing incident.

The spectators applauded as he returned to his net.

There were 68 shots on the Niagara net and 55 on the Canisius net.

The team made a few mistakes which allowed Canisius to score the goals, Mr. Bassi said. The last two goals were scored by Canisius because the team became lazy and over-confident with a 10-3 lead.

The game between Niagara and Canisius was postponed Dec. 1 because of snowstorm.

Men's victory

Niagara's men's basketball clinched a 64-53 victory against Cambrian college on home court Jan. 19.

Top scorers for Niagara were Joe Baldinelli with 18, Dave Patterson, 14 and Wilf Muller with 12 points.

Their next game will be played against Mohawk, in the gym on Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Breaks his streak

Better boxer beats Bassi

By PETER BENNER
Staff Writer

Fred Bassi, physical education instructor, lost his international amateur heavyweight bout in St. Catharines Jan. 18 and he will now decide whether to defend his Ontario amateur championship title in March, or leave the boxing circuit and coach at the Welland Boxing Club.

"I am resting now, getting my mind together and deciding whether to fight again," Bassi said. "I really love boxing."

At Grantham High School on Friday, 23-year-old Isaac McKnight, from Rochester N.Y., scored a three-round decision over Bassi, 35, who had won his past six bouts.

Bassi was knocked down once in each of the first two rounds of the three-round fight by a faster moving McKnight.

"He was the better fighter that night," Bassi conceded.

McKnight is the champion of Region 6 in New York.

In team sports, Bassi said, the blame for a poor performance may be cast on certain individuals, but in one-on-one sports like boxing there are no excuses.

WEIGHED 199

Weighing in at 199 pounds, compared to McKnight's 178, Bassi said his strategy should have been to cut the ring in half, because of the moving style the American was using.

He added he should have worked more on his opponent's body.

"If I fought him again, I would force the action and keep him in the corners. Sometimes a weight advantage is better if you corner the other fighter."

In amateur bouts, the fighter never knows who he is going to be matched up with until just before the fight, he said.

Bassi trained three weeks for the bout.

TRAIN HARDER

"You have to train harder as you get older to make up for lost stamina," Bassi said.

He would train much harder for his next match, perhaps five or six weeks of solid road work, sparring and punching, he said.

"A boxer should ideally fight four or five bouts a year to keep an edge."

"In three-and-one-half years, I've fought 35 bouts without facial bleeding."

Bassi started fighting in earnest after he left university.

Canadian amateur boxers are not allowed to fight past the age of 36 and Americans past the age of 27, Bassi said.

Knights defeat Erie, good defensive play

The Niagara Knights defeated Erie 7-4 in a fast and wide open hockey game Jan. 19.

The win put the Knights in second place tied with Mohawk. After a game played three days later, against Canisius the team took first place in the league.

"I thought we played a pretty good game," Fred Bassi, coach of the team, said. Niagara outshot the Erie team and played better defensively during the game Jan. 19 at the Welland Arena.

Knights' goalie Sam Brownell played well stopping all but four of 47 shots on goal. The Knights had 57 shots on the Erie net.

After Randy Kerr scored two goals in two minutes and Mike Chartrand scored a goal, the second period ended 4-1 in Niagara's favor. Erie player John Babiaski got a goal early in the period.

During the third period Randy Kerr, Mike Chartrand and Paul Berstling scored goals for Niagara and Erie players Mark Rossow and Dan Whitehead got goals.

MINUTE REMAINING

With just a minute remaining in the game, Erie player Guy Maccucci scored. Although Erie took the face off and kept the puck in the Niagara zone and had several shots on goal, they were unable to make up the three-point difference.

The game had to be halted during the last minutes of the game until a pane of glass behind the Knights' goal knocked out of its frame with a puck shot by an Erie player, could be replaced.

The first period ended with Niagara leading Erie 1-0 after Don Marinelle scored a goal midway into the period.

College hockey standings

TEAMS	WON	LOST	TIE	POINTS
Niagara	7	3	0	14
Canisius	6	2	1	13
Mohawk	5	2	2	12
Erie	5	4	1	11
Buffalo State	2	7	0	4
Niagara University	0	7	0	0

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Program wants recognition, more than waiters, waitresses

The student administrative council at the Rainbow Centre in Niagara Falls would like to see the hotel and restaurant administration program more widely recognized within the college.

Joanne Burnagiel, SAC president at the centre, said calendar and newspaper photographs always show students in restaurant attire.

"We're always photographed as waiters and waitresses," Joanne said. "It's about time we are more widely recognized. We have a student who came all the way from the Bahamas to take this course."

It is a three-year program designed to teach students all aspects of hotel and restaurant operations.

Joanne and Scott Walker, SAC vice-president, stressed that it is not a retraining program, but rather one that opens up career opportunities in areas such as front office manager, food service manager, food production manager and assistant food and beverage manager.

The program revolves around students becoming hotel and restaurant managers, they said.

Diploma requirements include everything from English to facilities design in which students design — complete with blueprints — their own hotel or restaurant.

There are 112 students enrolled in the program this year.

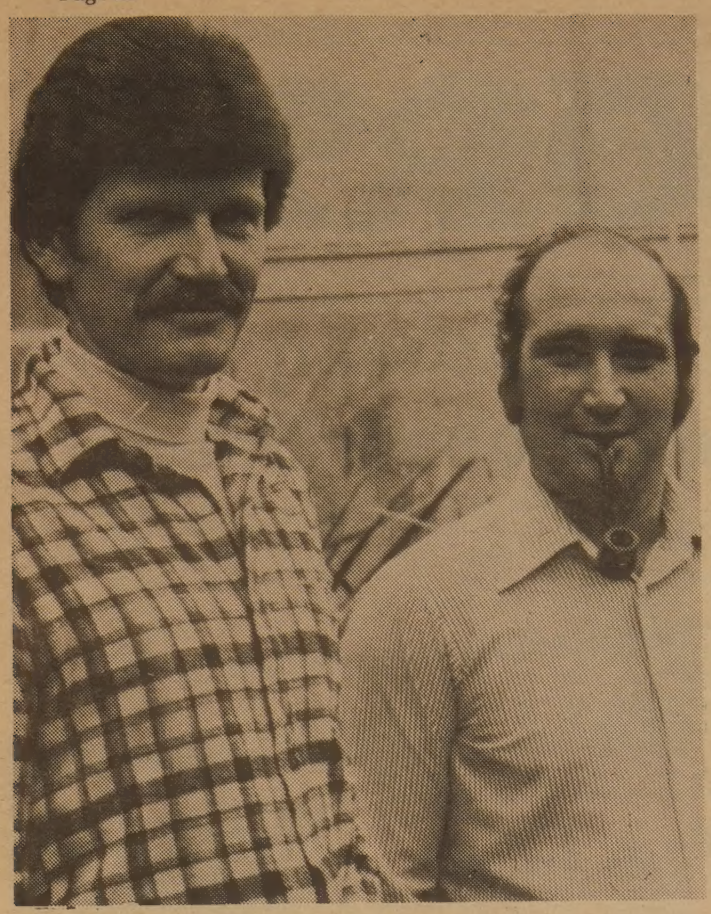
"We'd like to see more students enrolled," Joanne said.

The program gives work experience every week to second and third-year students.

Every Thursday at noon, these students cook, prepare and serve lunch to diners who have made reservations at the centre.

Second and third-year students served dinner to the Board of Governors of Niagara College on Jan. 17, and it was "quite successful," Gary McHale, SAC treasurer, said.

The menu included such delicacies as prime rib and Tomate Farcie, finished off with souffle grand marnier and friandises such as marzipan fruits, all prepared and cooked by the students.



Mark Hedger, technician, and Tom Ball, instructor, are both full-time faculty at the college's Horticulture Centre. (Photo by Neufeld)

Happy with plants

By TERRI NEUFELD
Staff Writer

A little place in the country and a job working with plants is all Mark Hedger, full-time technician at the college's department of horticulture, needs to make him happy.

"There's nothing I'd rather be doing now than working in a greenhouse," the 29-year-old graduate of the horticultural technician program said.

After working for seven years in Ottawa for the federal government, "mostly behind a desk," Mark decided that was not what he wanted to spend the rest of his life doing.

"I knew that if I stayed too much longer, I'd be making too much money to leave and fall into a trap," he said.

Mark always liked having living things close to him and all the college and university aptitude tests he took pointed to a career in horticulture. So at the age of 27, he decided to return to school.

"I don't think people should be afraid to try new things," he said. "If there's something you want to do, you should never be afraid to try something new. It's good for people to try a lot of different things in their life."

Mark always dreamed of having a place in the country, a "hobby farm."

"Now I've done it," he said, slamming his fist on his desk.

When he went to Hamilton to work after graduation, Mark found a 97-acre farm on which to live, outside of Brantford.

Family on farm

"My little family is still there — my wife, a dog (a golden retriever), a cat and 20 chickens."

"I was just married in October," he said.

After living on 97 acres, he never wants to live in an apartment or in town again.

"I feel so free in that kind of area. My only regret is that I won't be able to enjoy the garden I planted in fall."

Mark is looking at a little place out in the country, he hopes to get closer to work and finds himself "stuck between two places" right now.

After graduation last April, Mark worked semi-permanently at the Royal Botanical Gardens in Hamilton, until being laid off in mid-November.

There he did a bit of greenhouse work, but mostly worked outside around the grounds.

"It was just luck that I happened to see this job advertised in the paper," he said. "I didn't know how good my chances were. I figured I had to take a shot."

Chose Niagara

He is happy to have been able to get a job in the area. He chose Niagara College in the first place because of its location.

"The peninsula has the widest diversity of plants and the only place in Canada which would be warmer is British Columbia. But I wanted to stay in Ontario."

"Now that I've moved to the peninsula, there are only two other things I want to get — a motorcycle and a sailboat." he said.

One of the reasons Mark cares so much about plants is that is seems to run in the family. His parents live in Florida, where Mark spent his teenage years. and his father has "a jungle around the house."

"The only place you see rampant growth like that around here is in a greenhouse."

At the Horticulture Centre, Mark's job as technician puts him in charge of the greenhouses, nursery, grounds and equipment, and "doing everything from the heating to growing plants." He also helps students with planting projects.

In the summer he will have three to five students helping him maintain the grounds and greenhouses.

"I was one of those students a couple years ago," he said.

The typical view people have of working in a greenhouse is it must be a nice job working in such a pretty place, Mark said. "It's really a hell of a lot of work; you have to love it."

Plant owners beware

Seminar on poisonous plants

By PETER BENNER
Staff Writer

Niagara College's horticulture centre will be providing poisonous plants for use in Ontario Science Centre demonstrations on toxic house plants throughout the Celebrate Canada Festival Feb. 14-16.

Peter Mansfield, co-ordinator of the horticulture centre, said Tiina Jarvalt, Ontario Science Centre greenhouse supervisor, and Earl Sweeney, electron microscopist, requested about 20 poisonous plants for their talks on toxic household plants and their effects on people.

"We don't have all the requisite plant material," he said.

"Through co-operation with the Vineland Research Station and the Niagara Parks Commission (Royal Botanical Gardens), the list will be completed. This is the horticulture centre's contribution to the Celebrate Canada Festival."

Second-year horticulture student Bert Schmaltz will collect, collate and photograph the plants both for the festival presentation and for an exhibit at the horticulture centre's open house later in March, he said.

700 KINDS

Ms Jarvalt said not all poisonous plants will be discussed in the eight half-hour demonstrations, just the ones people put in their homes. There are 700 different kinds of known poisonous plants catalogued.

Mr. Mansfield said "just because the plants are ornamental doesn't mean they're safe to ingest."

Ms. Jarvalt and Mr. Sweeney will talk about types of poisons found in plants and describe symptoms a person might show after eating such plants.

"Plants are an in thing, and more and more people are taking them into their homes," Ms. Jarvalt said. "I don't think there is enough information disseminated on poisonous plants."

Her research produced only one government publication on the subject.

NO WARNINGS

Asked why certain house plants are not sold with an attached warning about possible toxicity, she said one reason is that a lot of nurserymen are concerned about sales loss and feel any warning would scare the customer away.

Ms. Jarvalt said some types of plants are harmful to animals.

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A TRADE-OFF

Miss Robarts called the situation a "trade-off". "You try to help one side and you hurt the other."

"We'll try to do the best we can with the amount of money we have--we don't have limitless resources," she said.

Gary Larose, college administrative and financial services director, said the college has a one-year lease with the Niagara Falls library in which the college pay $350 per month for space at the library. The lease has a three-month termination clause which allows the college to terminate the lease without penalty provided a three-month notice is given to the library.

He said as of Thursday he had not been told to provide the library with notification of the college's intention to terminate the lease.

"I'm not aware of what they're doing in that program as of this time," Mr. Larose said.

Students say 'yes'

The school of technology has done a good job in promoting its programs, Ronald Lederman, marketing instructor, says.

This conclusion is based on results from some 208 first, second and third-year student responses to a survey conducted last December on "Why students choose technology programs."

Prepared by marketing students for William Stuart, dean of technology, the survey was to "try to assist the school of technology in how to better promote their programs," Mr. Lederman said.

He was pleased with results which were made available last week.

"I think it is very healthy for every department, every couple of years to get into a study," Mr. Lederman said.

Eighty-five of the students surveyed — or 40.87 per cent — said they did not have any technological training in high school. Only 70 had had technological training.

NIAGARA CLOSE

Asked why they chose Niagara, 107, or 51.44 per cent, said because it was close.

Mr. Lederman said 71 were referred to the college by friends or relatives and 64 by high school counsellors.

Most — 133, or 63.94 per cent — said they decided to come to Niagara while still in high school. One hundred and thirty-two said Niagara was their first choice among community colleges.

As to course content in the technology programs, 115 or 55.29 per cent, said "Yes" they were happy with their program and that it did live up to their expectations.

Forty-three students responded "No" that the course in which they were enrolled did not live up to their expectations, while 50 students were undecided.

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Students interested in being dealers must be at least 19 years of age. Admission to the casino is $2 which qualifies ticket purchasers to be eligible to win a free trip for two to fabulous Las Vegas. Tickets can be obtained from Dave Napper, Rm. S103.

For information about being a dealer contact Donna Taylor at 384-9491.